

# **Southeast PTO Meeting Minutes- April 11, 2016**

Attendance- Lindy DeGennaro, Amber Casey, Jennifer Mott, Erin Clark, Erin Christopher, Sheralyn Sibilia, Diane Dorfer, Lauren Rodriguez, Jessica Higham, Noreen Halbrooks, Jon Sgro, Mary deVecchis

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm by Erin Clark

The PTO received a thank you card from Amanda Doyle for our support for Literacy Night

## **1. Upcoming Events and Spring Fundraisers-**

George Dennehy speaker and guitar concert- Wed April 27<sup>th</sup>-There will be a presentation at 2pm for kids and a community concert at 6pm. Flyers will be coming out soon. George was born without arms and was adopted. He learned to play music with his feet, became a talented musician and enjoys sharing his life journey with others.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>- A Sign up Genius will be coming out soon. The PTO purchased the main dishes from Angellino's but we need to find alternatives. Places such as Cafemantic and Not Only Juice were discussed and Erin Clark will look into these options.

Scholastic Book Fair- May 31<sup>st</sup>- Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>- May 31<sup>st</sup> will be set up day and the PTO will be in need of parent volunteers to help set up that day and also sell books the remaining days.

Ice Cream Social- Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

4th Grade Moving on Ceremony- Thursday June 2nd

Applebee's Pancake Breakfast- Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am. Ticket prices will be determined at the May meeting. Upcoming flyers will detail the need for student and parent volunteers.

## **2. Discussion of Fundraisers for next year-**

Jeannine- The quality of products can be disappointing. The PTO will not do this fundraiser in the fall but will consider doing it every other year.

Coop Book Fair- The UConn Coop Bookstore is changing hands. Southeast cannot count on this collaboration for our annual fall book sale that coincides with parent/teacher conferences in November. Adding a second Scholastic book fair may be an alternative.

Labels for Education- This program will be discontinued.

## **3. Teacher Grant Requests-**

Ms. Bayard- Math night- The PTO received a request for \$300 to cover the cost of food, supplies for games, and prizes for this event. Erin Christopher made a motion to support this and Sheralyn Sibilia seconded the motion.

Darlene Murphy- The PTO received a request of \$500 to cover the George Dennehy assembly performance fee. Sheralyn Sibilia made the motion to support this and Lindy DeGennaro seconded the motion.

Ms. Anger- The PTO received a request for \$45 for an art scholarship for Square One to help a family pay for products. Diane Dorfer made a motion to pass this and Lindy DeGennaro seconded the motion. The PTO made

approximately \$2000 from this fundraiser. The company was easy to work with and orders can still be made but shipping will no longer be free. Kids should be getting their original art work back. Stickers were collected to do a display for Demi Fisher. Goodwin does an art day and this may be something we want to look into but Ms. Anger would find parent volunteers helpful.

**4. Farm to School Project-** Diane Dorfer provided an update. Nine families signed up for the fundraiser which resulted in \$336 for the PTO. Diane spoke with food service director for Mansfield schools to apply for a \$2500 grant for next school year to get local foods into the schools. There can be “tastings” for all grades. Parents would be needed to help with this. Ideas included maybe have a separate table at lunch for kids to try various foods and then vote for their favorites.

**5. Principal’s Report-** Enrichment clusters are coming soon and parents are invited to run a cluster from 2-315pm every Tuesday in May. The George Dennehy concert will be replacing the talent show this year for screen free week. There was a discussion regarding continuing to offer the screen free pledge forms and the consensus was to keep offering them. Pledge forms will come home this Friday. Mrs. Carr, music teacher, will be retiring and also there will be a posting for a special education teacher (Mrs. Proffer’s previous position). Parents interested in serving on these interview committees should contact Principal Rodriguez. Also, due to class sizes there will be three 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes next year and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will have 2 classes.. Current enrollment at Southeast is 250 students. This year there has been an emphasis on writing in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade but next year’s curriculum will focus on reading workshops. \*\*\*June 16<sup>th</sup> is last day of school.

**6. Screen Free Week- April 25<sup>th</sup>-April 29<sup>th</sup>** - Noreen Halbrooks is organizing Game Night for Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Family Hike will be on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**7. PTO Officers for 2016-17-** Nominations will be taking place at next month’s meeting. Please contact Erin Clark if you are interested in a position.

**8. Donations for Demi Fisher and family-** How can the PTO help? Ideas include a having a donation can at the George Dennehy concert and/or the PTO will pay for the ice cream social in June and parents will be asked to make a suggested donation. There is Demi stuff left over from the Cancer Relay so we may be able to sell shirts, etc as well. .

**9. Southeast Sound System-** The SE sound system did not work well at the storyteller event and the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade musical. We will use the MMS system for the George Dennehy concert but there have been issues with this larger system as well. Lindy and Diane have personal connections they will contact that may be able to help us with the system as well.

Please look for email reminders about upcoming dates for town budget meetings. Parents are encouraged to email Board of Ed members as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm by Erin Clark

Submitted by Jennifer Mott and Sheralyn Sibilia